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East Side

By P. D.

Letters

Billings, Mont.

Dear Mr. East:

I read in the Reporter your very interesting and enlightening article describing your efforts to educate people against prejudices.

Apparently you are one of the very few editors or publishers located in the South who either refuse to be swayed by your emotions or prejudices, or are able to control your thinking and actions the way sensible people should. You are also apparently one of the few men who are able to understand and evaluate the real significance of the concepts of Christianity and the fundamental rights of mankind as laid down by our constitution.

You deserve both the moral and material support of every real American regardless of race, color or creed. Congratulations and more power to you.

Yours very truly,

JOHN WIGHT.

Mountainburg, Ark.

Dear Mr. East:

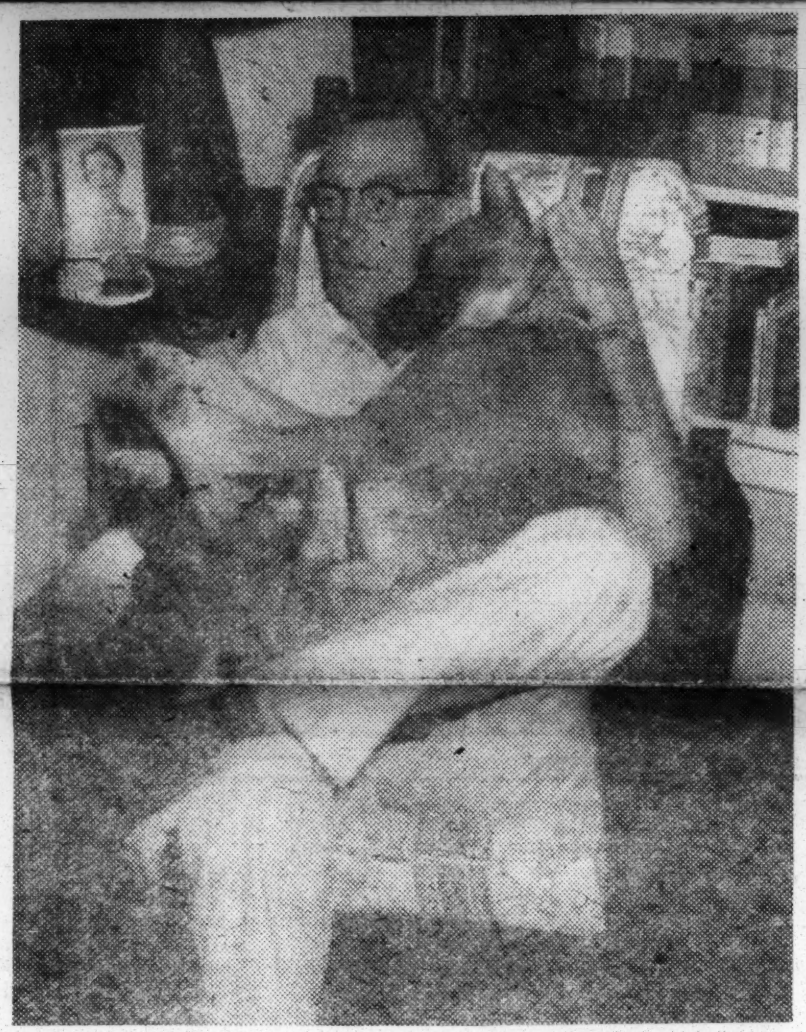
I am enjoying your paper immensely, and am grateful to E. M. Gleason for letting me know about you — I am passing the favor around among my friends. You have a wonderful wit, and a searching honesty with yourself

Thirteen Ministers Agree—
"This, We Believe . . ."

A group of interested clergy and laity met recently to discuss the matter of community welfare and good will for Garden Grove, Calif. The problem of racial discrimination was thoroughly considered. At the conclusion of the meeting the following pronouncement was made:

Since we, as Christians, live not only in fellowship with God but in an environment in which we are involved in each other's lives, we affirm these truths to be basic for an intelligent, satisfying and factual neighborhood experience:

1. We believe that God is no respector of persons and that every individual, regardless of position, race, or color, is of infinite worth in His sight.
2. We believe that we are not to harass, vex, or oppress the stranger who comes to live in our midst as a law abiding citizen.
3. We oppose all forms of discrimination, believing that they establish a false pattern in which the fundamental freedoms of democracy cannot prevail.
4. We believe that each community creates its own pattern of behavior by its dominant attitudes and practices, and that we must therefore refrain from malicious criticism and race prepudice.
5. We believe that we should direct our thoughts and energies toward more cooperative efforts to solve our common problems by a fuller understanding of all the elements involved in a given situation.
6. We believe that good citizens will abide by the constitution of the United States, and that they will accept as legal the decisions of the Supreme Court of the



—Photo by Shandy's Uncle, P. D.

SHANDY KING, A "PEEPLE", AND RELATIVE

The Kings in Pascagoula, I am most pleased to say, are my closest friends. The poem (?) which follows was written by one King about another King. Susan, sixteen year old daughter of Easton and Irene, and a Junior at the high school, wrote it for an English class. It has to do with one Shandy King, now an 85 pound Boxer, who thinks he's a "peeple" just like anyone, more or less.

Frankly, I don't know whether Susan's effort is poetry or not . . . but I do know about that other King who thinks he's still a pup . . . and a "peeple" . . . Shandy. As for me, I am most fond of the Kings, including Shandy, but I never go there with my Sunday suit on, unless they've seen fit to give Shandy a Milltown or two. He doesn't know my Sunday suit from anything else . . . oh, well, he's just a "peeple".

Four Footed Friend (Or Fiend)

Eighty pounds of dog—
Yet once not many months ago
He was so small and weak,
Crying with loneliness, nuzzling
Against a friendly foot, a patting hand,
Looking out of eyes that spoke of trust
Yapping with a puppy shrill
Never still, always hungry, hunting love.

And then packed in that tawny skin
Were muscles and sinews
That could defeat a man of greater weight
Could earn his keep on hunting trips
Or by keeping out strangers, and often friends,
Or winning bets on how much he could eat

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You said—in so many words—that you actually did not want your children to attend school with colored children. You confess your own prejudice, and then attack the wrongness of it. There can't be many editors (or people) like you, P. D. Maybe you are a green man from Mars.

Although I am strongly in favor of public school integration, the climate in Mississippi at present precludes any possibility of it. At least in the areas of dense Negro population.

As I understand it the citizens of this state—both white and colored—will have to become more educated, and the colored schools will have to be brought closer to the standard of the white schools.

Like the Negro leader said in the famous joke "What us colored folks need is more educated white folks." The inequality of the schools is of course the effect of many years of racial segregation, and it may take as many years for the Negroes to overcome this handicap.

It must be done though, and the never never attitude of most Southern politicians gives one a pain in the neck.

No wonder you have an ulcer.

Your devoted fan,

Margaret Huncke.

SMALL BUSINESS

"The number of business concerns ten years old and over which failed last year was double the number failing in that age bracket in 1947." according to Senator John Sparkman, (D-Ala.) chairman of the Senate Small Business Committee. He listed as major threats to the existence of small business: "The Federal Corporate income tax structure; the scarcity and high cost, when found, of credit; and the rate at which more and more power is being concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer large corporations."

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7. We believe that all Christian men and women everywhere should examine these basic facts, and reaffirm them in the light of the present day struggle between democracy and communism.

Minor Decency And—

An Incident In Adjustment

Last June, Lt. Harold Bauduit graduated from Annapolis. Recently he was assigned to active duty at the Long Beach airport where he replaced Captain Schwartz who had been transferred to Okinawa. Now where to find a home? Lt. Bauduit is a Negro, and almost all of the new housing tracts were closed to his family. Captain Schwartz sold him his new tract home in Garden Grove. Now a familiar pattern forms, but a different sequence follows.

Thursday, Jan. 10. Property clears escrow.

Jan. 11. A "Home Owners' Association" forms and fifty persons gather on the lawn while four representatives meet with Captain Schwartz and Lt. Bauduit but fail to persuade Lt. Bauduit to move.

Jan. 12. Reverend Stark, President of Garden Grove Ministerial Union, calls a Union meeting to discuss this problem.

Sunday, Jan. 13. A vigorous Home Owners' Association meeting of one hundred sixty-eight members tries to mobilize. Four prominent ministers and two near neighbors of the Bauduits denounce the meeting's purpose and welcome the new family.

Jan. 15. Garden Grove Daily News prints a reasonable editorial and a number of letters condemning the Home Owners' Association. Ministers visit parishioners in the "hot" area.

Jan. 16. Twelve neighboring housewives form a welcoming committee, each "to bake something."

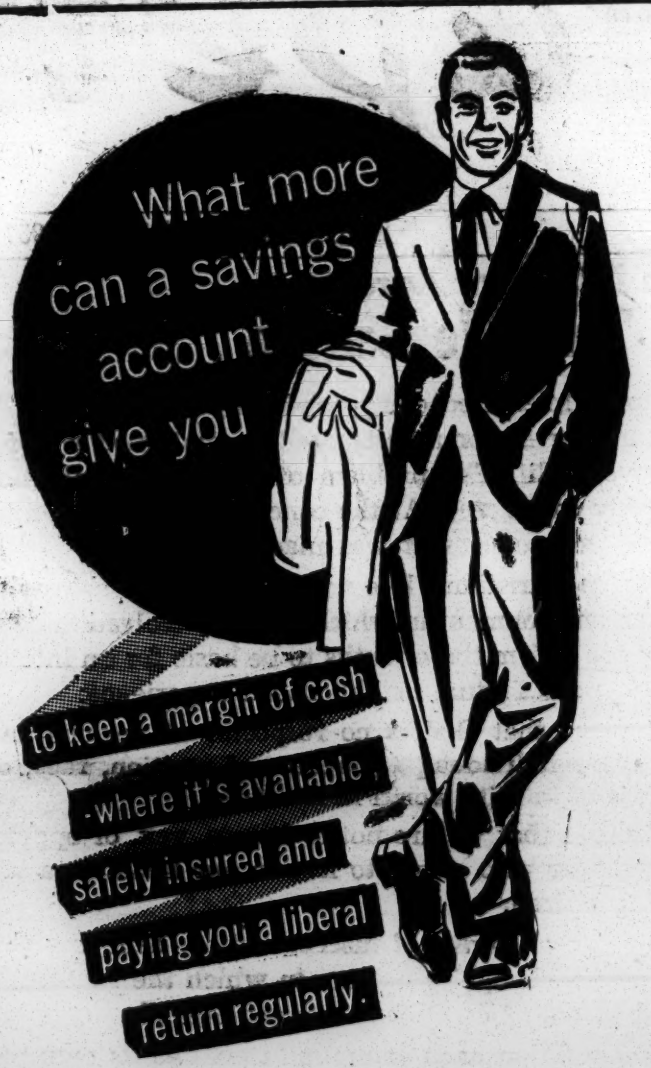
Jan. 17. Twelve local Protestant ministers and a Catholic priest pay for an ad in the paper calling for wise community solution to the problem to welcome "the stranger" and "to oppose all forms of discrimination."

Friday, Jan. 18. The Bauduits move in with a steady stream of well-wishers bringing them food and gifts throughout the next three days. Representatives of the Home Owners' Association appear in the newspaper office to regret the "misunderstanding" in which they have participated.

Monday, Jan. 21. A member of the Association calls on Lt. Bauduit inviting him to become a member!

The "good" part of the story is that such people were in Garden Grove when they were needed. They are very probably in your neighborhood, too. —Regional Newsletter of American Friends Service Committee.

Read The Ads Along With News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Ott Brockman New Telephone Office Manager

Ott Brockman has been appointed Office Manager here for Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co. it was announced today by W. R. Bunn, Telephone Company District Manager.

Brockman started his telephone employment in 1950 at Gulfport as a Coin Telephone Collector. He was later Commercial Representative in Laurel and in 1954 was assigned Customer Service Engineer for Long Distance Promotion at Hattiesburg. In 195, he was appointed Camp Manager for Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi, Miss. He returned to Hattiesburg in January 1956 as Commercial Supervisor in the district office.

Brockman, a native of New Orleans graduated from Bay St. Louis High School and attended Pearl River Junior College at Poplarville, before entering the U. S. Army.

In addition to Hattiesburg, Brockman will have administrative responsibilities for Baxterville, Beaumont, Collins, Lumberton, McLain, Mt. Olive, Purvis, Poplarville, Seminary and Sumrall.

He is married to the former Betty Courrege of Lake Shore, Miss. and the father of two daughters, Peggy and Christine. The Brockmans' are members of Broad Street Methodist Church.

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Or furnishing ideas for circus shows.

Still the puppy love stays on
Now grown into protective care
For family and friends; and
Often for strangers, who wish he wouldn't
Love with all the might of 80 pounds;
For bones and fuzzy things
That careless folk leave on the floor;
And curling up on beds for naps;
Or eating butter;
Or sitting in some usually unwelcoming lap.

And life presents a growing list of problems
Like why can't he jump like the Peke he thinks he is
Or where do three cans of dog food disappear
Or why don't those stuffed toys show any life
Or why there's never room for him in cars
And why cats give up so utterly, completely
When all he does is shake them once or twice.

This world is all for fun, he thinks,
Except when fences hold him in
When something interesting is going on outside.
Then mournful howls in minor key
Drift in the air like sad and sour notes
From a beginner's tortured horn
Till someone comes running, spurred by the plea.

And once again that 80 pounds of meat
Is creasing rugs or banging chairs
That creak and end up quickly antiques
Or greeting folks with that special wiggle
Any strip teaser would give an arm for.
Making up for everything
By looking up with eyes that say
You are the only one in all this world.

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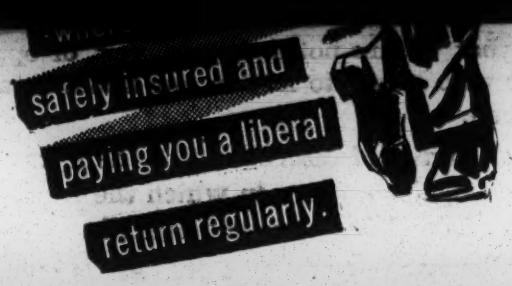

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LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON STREET, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Bill Barlow, Supt. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. by Rev. Justin Garrett, pastor. Baptist Training Union meets at 6:15 p.m. Mid-week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. GA's meet after school on Mondays, and RA's meet before prayer meeting on Wednesdays. Song services are under the direction of O. U. Barlow, Mrs. Jack Fikes, pianist.

Church nursery open at all services.

PETAL METHODIST CHURCH, MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., W. C. Mathis, Superintendent.

Rev. J. P. Payne, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WSCS meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The nursery is open at all services.

GREEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, OLD RICHTON ROAD, PETAL

Services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, Robert Powell, Supt.

Q. C. Barrett, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays . . . following prayer meeting all organizations meet . . . YWA's, GA's, RA's, WMU, Brotherhood, and Sunbeams.

Song services are under the direction of W. C. Rainey, Jr.; pianist is Miss Polly Morgan.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend services. Nursery is open at all services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CENTRAL AVENUE, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Henry Hardy, Supt.

Rev. W. A. Richardson, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Ford Parker; Mrs. J. M. Van Devender, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Nursery is open at all services.

PETAL-HARVEY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Pat Rogers, Supt.

Rev. Sam W. Waggener, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Training Union meets at 6:45 p.m., C. E. Richardson, Director.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 pm. Wednesdays at Richton Road and Harvey Mission prayer meeting is held 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Charles Caulkin; Mrs. W. H. Clearman, Organist, and Mrs. Mazie Nell Smith, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend; the nursery is open at all services.

PETAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School, H. L. Norsworthy, Supt.

Evangelist Howard S. Williams preaches at 11.00 a.m.

Bible Class meets Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Choir practice is held Wednesday nights at 7:30.

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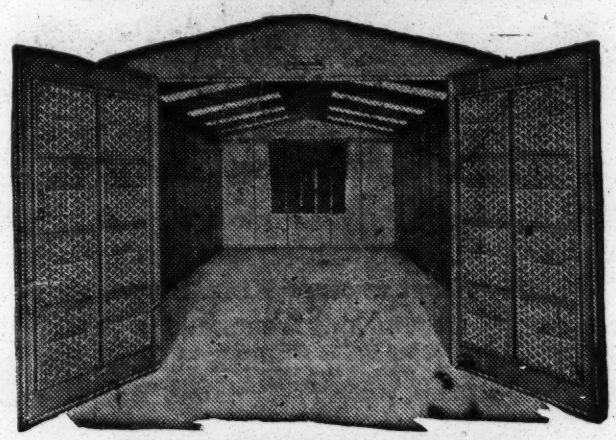

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Training Program For Blind Is Set

Mississippi will hold its first Adjustment Training Program for adult blind June 4th through July 27th. This announcement was made today by Welfare Commissioner W. E. Holcomb.

Fifteen to twenty sightless people of both sexes will be given 8 weeks training at the facilities of the Mississippi School for the Blind in Jackson. Ages of the group already enrolled range from 19 to 57 years. Many of these people have for some reason or other not had the opportunity to actually live independently. Therefore emphasis will be placed on the development of self-confidence.

Training for the group will begin with the common activities involved in living in a home, such as personal care and personal relationships with others in the home. It will then progress toward the more complicated activities involved in making a living. This will include Braille, typing, woodworking, weaving, ceramics, etc.

Travel is common-place with the sighted person but holds many fears for the sightless and will be given special attention. Mr. Walker Cooper will work with the group in this field.

Mrs. Walter Cooper will teach "household helps" to the ladies. Mrs. Maxine Lee Owen will teach Braille and typing. Mrs. Anita Ray, member of School for Blind faculty, will instruct the women in the art of homemaking.

Week-ends will be devoted to training for recreation. This will include many of the pastimes people take for granted. To this group it will be a major step in adjustment. Camping, hiking, fishing and perhaps boating will make the program complete.

Mississippi has done outstanding work with sightless people. for several years the State has ranked first in the nation for its rehabilitation program. Mississippi Industries for the Blind employs more than 175 sightless people in the manufacture of brooms, mops, mattresses and many other items. The total of its contracts with the government runs more than $1,000,000 annually.

Many home industries have been estabilished for those who are not suited for factory work. Rugs, towels, lamps, fishing nets, scarves and many other items are made in the homes and sold through retail outlets both in and out of the state.

The Commissioner said that those who exhibited the inclination and aptitude for further studp would be given every opportunity to advance. It is felt will open entirely new fields for those participating and that many will become self-substaining as a result.

MEAT BUYER BENEFITS AS FARM EFFICIENCY RISES

Competition in the meat industry is stiffening, with the consumer benefiting and the producers having to make adjustments to fit the market.

Meat from poultry can be produced more efficiently pound for pound, than other kinds of meat, but buying habits have not kept pace with grower's abilities to produce.

Broiler growers convert less than 275 pounds of feed into 100 pounds of chickens. Swine producers need 426 pounds of feed to grow 100 pounds of pork. Best drylot feeding gains for cattle have taken around 7:5 pounds of grain concentrates per pound of gain.

Since 1940 beef has increased about 50 per cent in per capita consumption — from 54 to 83 pounds. Broilers, on the other hand, have increased about 1000 per cent.

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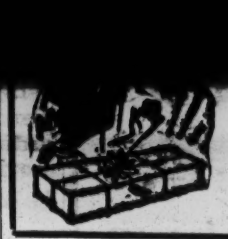

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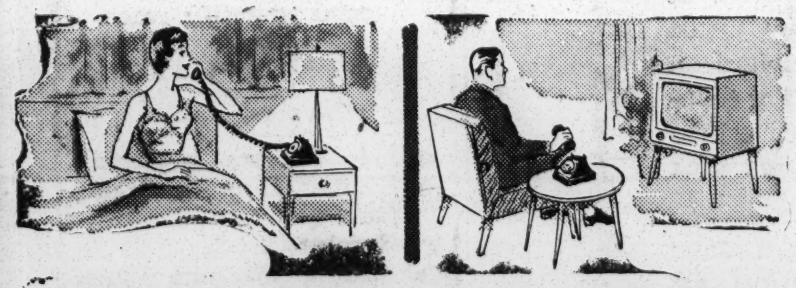

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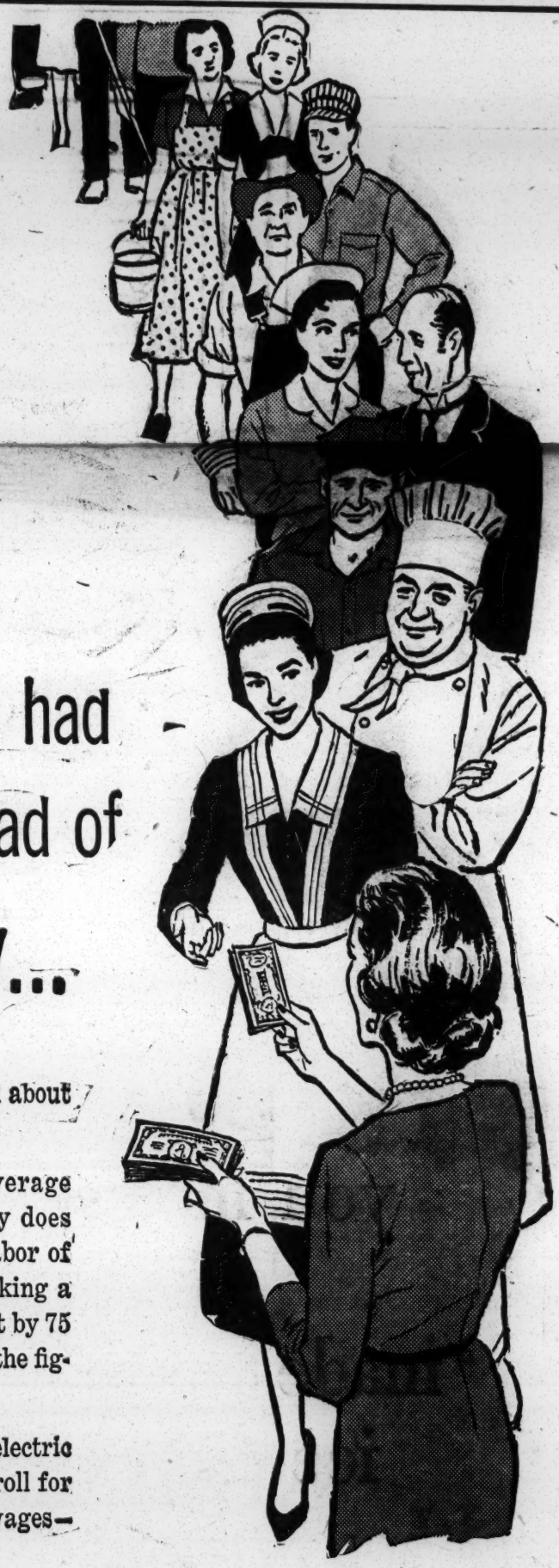

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Oil Industry Again Supports Safety Campaign

"Because you drive faster doesn't mean you'll get there quicker. Speeders sometimes don't arrive at all," L. E. Alfred of Jackson, Mississippi Petroleum Industries Committee chairman, advised today.

Mr. Alfred, in announcing oil industry support for the summer "Slow Down and Live" program officially endorsed by Governor Coleman, noted that 13,380 of the nation's 40,000 traffic fatalities last year came in speeding accidents.

"All the time 'saved' by speeding drivers is as nothing compared to the lifetime lost by just one innocent victim of a speeding accident," he said. He recommended occasional "coffee-breaks" as a means of taking the "hurry-up tension" out of motor trips.

"Gasoline service station operators and others in Mississippi's oil industry are joining the Governor in reminding motorists to slow down and enjoy their travels in the heavy vacation traffic period ahead. A full tank of gasoline can produce many miles of pleasant, comfortable driving on holiday trips. We want our customers to take it easy and return from these trips safely," he added.

The "Slow Down and Live" campaign, sponsored by the National Council of State Safety Coordinators, began Thursday, Memorial Day, and continues through Labor Day.

State May Set A Safety Mark

Mississippi appears well on the way toward breaking its 12-year-old record for holding down the number of pedestrian traffic deaths. The record low was the 78 deaths in 1945 during World War II when automobiles were barred from travel by rationing.

The record was equaled in 1953. The 1956 total was close—80. The toll for the first 145 days of 1957 was 24, four behind the same period last year. If the rate continues, 1957 will set a record.

Mississippi Plants More Small Grains

There was more small grain planted in Mississippi for the 1957 harvest than there has been in many years. Twelve times as much wheat was planted as the previous year.

This fall there will be more interest in small grain than ever before because a lot of land is coming out of row crops and will go to small grain plantings for grazing, hay, silage and prain.

Most dairy farmers will tell you quiekly that of all the plants plants on the farm for grazing and feed, oats lead the list because there are so many uses of this small grain in the dairy program.

LIVESTOCK

The State of Iowa continued to lead the nation in livestock production in 1956. Iowa was first in hogs with 4,241,000,000 pounds, second in cattle with 2,263,000 pounds and fourth in sheep and lambs with 89,000,000 pounds. The total: 6,593,000,000 pounds. Illinois was second in total meat animal output with 4,004,000,000 pounds, followed by Texas with 2,952,000,000 pounds; Missouri with 2,718,000,000 pounds, Nebraska with 2,572,000,000 pounds and Minnesota with 2.557,000,000.

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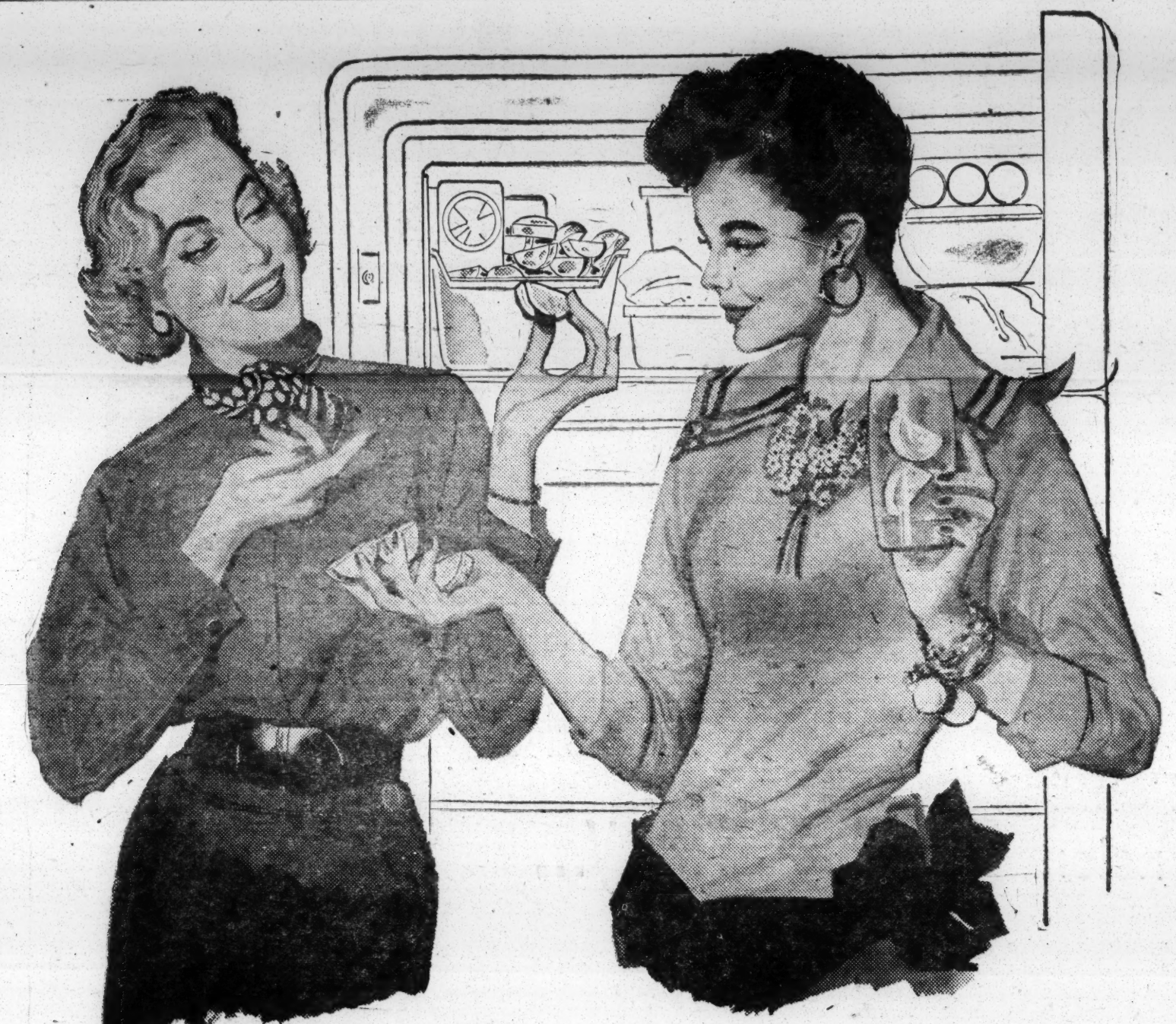

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